



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Patent Application of
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Group Art Unit: 3728

Application No.: 10/789,961

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For: Packaging for Disposable Soft
Contact Lenses

PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
FOR PRIORITY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.55(c)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Based on a review of the image file wrapper (IWF) maintained by the U.S. Patent Office, it appears that a proper claim for foreign priority may not have been timely filed in the above-identified application and the undersigned hereby petitions the United States Patent and Trademark Office to accept the unintentionally delayed claim for priority, if necessary.

The undersigned is newly-designated counsel in this application and is in the process of reviewing all prosecution handled by the prior counsel of record. In reviewing the IWF, it appears that the first claim to priority of Australian patent application number AU2001PR0007086 (the "Australian application") was unintentionally delayed until July 30, 2004, approximately 5 months after the filing date of the present application (filed Feb. 27, 2004). Due to the unintentional delay, the claim for foreign priority missed the four (4) month deadline required under 37 C.F.R. 1.55(a) by approximately one month.